

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical path switching device is provided whereby  
changeover of optical path can be achieved with higher speed  
than conventionally. In this optical path switching device, a  
5 plurality of despreaders and a plurality of spreaders are  
connected in a prescribed corresponding relationship,  
extraction of a desired code path signal from a code division  
multiplexing signal that is input from an input circuit is  
performed, by means of despreaders that are capable of code  
10 selection and/or setting to OFF, and the extracted code path  
signal is given a new code by a spreader and output to an  
output circuit.